

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Interior and Foreign Operations Appropriations bills.

Senate passed Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7083–S7172

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2883–2887, and S. Res. 338. **Page S7160**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Government Performance Results Act of 1993.” (S. Rept. No. 106–347)

S. 2705, to provide for the training of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees. (S. Rept. No.106–348)

H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7159–60**

Measures Passed:

Death of Senator Coverdell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia. **Page S7168**

Interior Appropriations: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate passed H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7083, S7085–S7103**

Adopted:

Reed Modified Amendment No. 3798, to increase funding for weatherization assistance grants, with an offset. **Pages S7083, S7085–86**

Gorton (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3910, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a land exchange with Dubuque Barge & Fleeting Services, Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa. **Page S7086**

Gorton Amendment No. 3911, to provide additional funds for construction, improvements, repair or replacement of physical facilities, including the

modifications authorized by section 104 of the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989. **Page S7086**

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 3811, to provide funding for maintenance of a Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, with an offset. **Pages S7083, S7088**

Reid (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3887, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of Indian program monies from judgment fund claims. **Pages S7083, S7088–89**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 209), Gorton (for Bond) Amendment No. 3886 (to Amendment No. 3885), to prohibit use of funds for application of unapproved pesticides in certain areas that may be used by children. **Pages S7083, S7089–90**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3885, to provide that none of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used for the preventive application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in National Parks in any area where children may be present. **Pages S7083, S7093**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 207), Bryan/Fitzgerald Amendment No. 3883, to reduce the Forest Service timber sale budget by \$30,000,000 and increase the wildland fire management budget by \$15,000,000. **Pages S7083, S7086–87**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 208), Nickles Amendment No. 3884, to defend the Constitutional system of checks and balances between the Legislative and Executive branches. **Pages S7083, S7087–88**

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 210), Boxer Amendment No. 3912 (to Amendment No. 3885, as amended), to provide that none of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used for the preventive application of a pesticide containing a known or probable carcinogen, a category I or II acute nerve toxin or a pesticide of the organophosphate, carbamate, or organochlorine class as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency in National Parks in

any area where children and pregnant women may be present. **Pages S7090–93**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gorton, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Burns, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Byrd, Leahy, Hollings, Reid, Dorgan, Kohl, and Feinstein. **Page S7102**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act: By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate passed H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7103–09**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 212), Burns Amendment No. 3874, to repeal the modification of the installment method. **Page S7103**

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 214), Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3881, to provide a substitute. **Pages S7103, S7104**

Rejected:

By 20 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 213), Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3875, to pay down the debt by striking the tax cuts. **Pages S7103–04**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Roth, Lott, and Moynihan. **Page S7109**

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2522, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Pages S7121–42**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Bond, Stevens, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd. **Page S7142**

Subsequently, S. 2522 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S7142**

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2536, Senate companion measure (with a modified Division B). **Pages S7143–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 19, 2000. **Page S7169**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the national emergency with respect to the Taliban in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–120) **Page S7152**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Seymour Martin Lipset, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps. **Pages S7169–72**

Messages From the President: **Page S7152**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7151–52**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7168**

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—215)

Pages S7087–88, S7090, S7093, S7102–04, S7109

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Coverdell, in accordance with S. Res. 338, adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7169.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AGRICULTURE EXPORT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the benefits of current U.S. agricultural export and market development programs designed to improve long-term trade opportunities, increase exports, help relieve hunger abroad, and help American farmers and ranchers earn an adequate income, as well as the future of these programs and ways that they can be made more effective, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Galvin, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, both of Department of Agriculture; Hugh Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Response,